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Speaker Mesnard and Speaker-elect Bowers Formally Designate House Research Staff as Nonpartisan

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Speaker J.D. Mesnard (R-17) and Speaker-elect Rusty Bowers (R-25) today announced that House Research Staff has formally been designated as nonpartisan, and all members will officially be able to utilize their services.

House Research employees will staff both Republicans and Democrats at committee and caucus meetings and be available to any member of the House. Their function will be to provide unbiased research and analysis of policy and legislative issues without political influence to both Caucuses.

Speaker-elect Bowers also announced that Diana Clay has been appointed to serve as Director of House Research Staff.

“House Research Staff has played a nonpartisan role for years now, and I made them available to all members when I became Speaker two years ago,” said Speaker Mesnard. **“Today we’re making the nonpartisan designation formal so that it’s clear to all members they are free to take advantage of the exceptional talent, knowledge, and expertise offered by House Research Staff—and are encouraged to do so.”**

“Because both caucuses have partisan staffs, there’s no reason for partisan research staff,” said Speaker-elect Bowers. **“The research materials they prepare are already nonpartisan and matter-of-fact, and all members of the House will benefit from the resources provided by the hardworking Research Staff.”**

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